

Subject: Avian Influenza Virus Type A Antigen Test Kit

Q. Under what environmental conditions should I keep the antigen test kits?

A. You may store the test kits at any temperature between 2-30° C (35-86° F). However, we suggest you refrigerate them between 2-8° C (35-45° F) to ensure they remain within proper temperatures. Temperatures below freezing, widely fluctuating, or above 86° F for prolonged periods will destroy the kits.

Q. What storage should I plan for the kits?

A. Your specific requirements for storage will depend on the size of local populations that you need to test. One carton with 880 tests measures 24.5 x 11.25 x 8.5 inches and weighs 13.5 lbs. We will ship the kits directly to the site(s) that the incident command post specifies.

Q. Will I need additional supplies or materials to use the kits?

A. No.

Q. Whom should I contact for information on test kit protocols; i.e. how to, where to, complications, disposal?

A. For questions, concerns, or complications related to the use of this product, contact the Program Coordinator at the USDA-APHIS Center for Veterinary Biologics, 515-232-5785.